Supervisors Support Fontana Library Fundraiser

SAN BERNARDINO - The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday continued their support of the soon-to-be-built Fontana Library/Resource Technology Center with a $10,000 sponsorship of the "Mayor's Gala, an Evening Under the City Lights."

Second District Supervisor Paul Biane and Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales, a former Fontana City Councilwoman, each allocated $5,000 from their district's priority policy needs budgets to sponsor the black-tie event, which will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. on Saturday at Jack Bulik Pavilion.

The city will use proceeds from the Mayor's Gala to help fund the Fontana Library/Resource Technology Center. The 92,500 square-foot, $45 million library is being built on Sierra Avenue in downtown Fontana. Once completed, it will be the San Bernardino County Library's largest branch facility.

"This library will be the gem of downtown Fontana, and it will play a key role in the downtown revitalization efforts being championed by city leaders," said Biane, who secure $1 million in county funding for the library.

City officials expect to complete construction of the multi-level library by the spring of 2008. The library will feature more than 140,000 books and publications, a children's library, a 330-seat auditorium, and more than 250 computers with high-speed Internet.

"The Fontana Library and Resource Technology Center will provide educational opportunities for hundreds of thousands of city and county residents for many, many years to come," Gonzales said. "It will truly be a regional asset we can all be proud of."

Tickets for the Mayor's Gala cost $65 and can be purchased by calling (909) 428-8360, ext.
227. The city hopes to raise $80,000 for the library during the fundraiser, which will include a silent auction and reception.